MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the prices have not increased ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : As I have already stated, the prices are fluctuating. They have sometimes increased and sometimes decreased.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member the reason for the recent reorganisation and increase of pay of the officers of the State ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There was no recent reorganisation. The reorganisation took place five years ago.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Am I to understand that there was no reorganisation during the last five years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There was no general reorganisation of all the departments of the State since 1098.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Am I to understand that the salaries of officers have not been increased during the last few years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not as a general measure.

Application for Erection of Churches.

289. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number of applications received in 1099, 1100, 1101 and in 1102, up to the 26th Minam, for the construction of churches and the number of applications sanctioned by the Government ;

(*b*) the taluks to which such sanctioned applications referred ; and

(*c*) the number of such applications to which there were objections either from the people or from the Devaswom Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Statements* containing the required information are laid on the table.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : How many of these applications were objected to from the Devaswom Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : We have not got a separate list of objections from the Devaswom Department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Was there any objection from the Devaswom Department ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There were objections and they were given weight.

Communal Representation in Public Service.

290. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the principle of communal representation has been accepted by the Government, and, if so, what exactly is the principle they have accepted;

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(*b*) (i) whether the Government have fixed any proportion for the representation of the Hindu, the Christian and the Mahomedan communities in the public service;

(ii) whether they have fixed any proportion for the various communities under each of these main heads so as to make an equitable allotment of the numbers fixed for such main communities; and

(iii) if not, how the Government drew the attention of the several heads of departments that the representation of one community or other was low in their departments; and

(*c*) whether the number of educated and qualified members has been regarded as an element in the matter of distribution of Government appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The principle of communal representation, as accepted by the Government, is enunciated at pages 1050 and 1051 of the Legislative Council Proceedings, Vol. VI.

(*b*) (i) and (ii) No.

(iii) The scrutiny of the establishment lists of the various departments shows whether any communities have an overwhelming preponderence or any are considerably under-represented. Action is taken only in such cases.

(*c*) No.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): In regard to part (iii), may I know whether the Government have drawn the attention of any of the heads of departments to that matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, in a few cases.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have they scrutinised the establishment lists?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, in a few cases.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What are those departments in regard to which the establishment lists have been scrutinised?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I find that scrutiny has been made in regard to the Director of Registration, the Survey Superintendent, the Registrar of High Court, the Chief Engineer, the Director of Public Instruction, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Excise Commissioner—

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Has it been done in the case of the Medical Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not find it here.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government think that there is no need for scrutiny in the case of the Medical Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The list shows the scrutiny of new appointments only.

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